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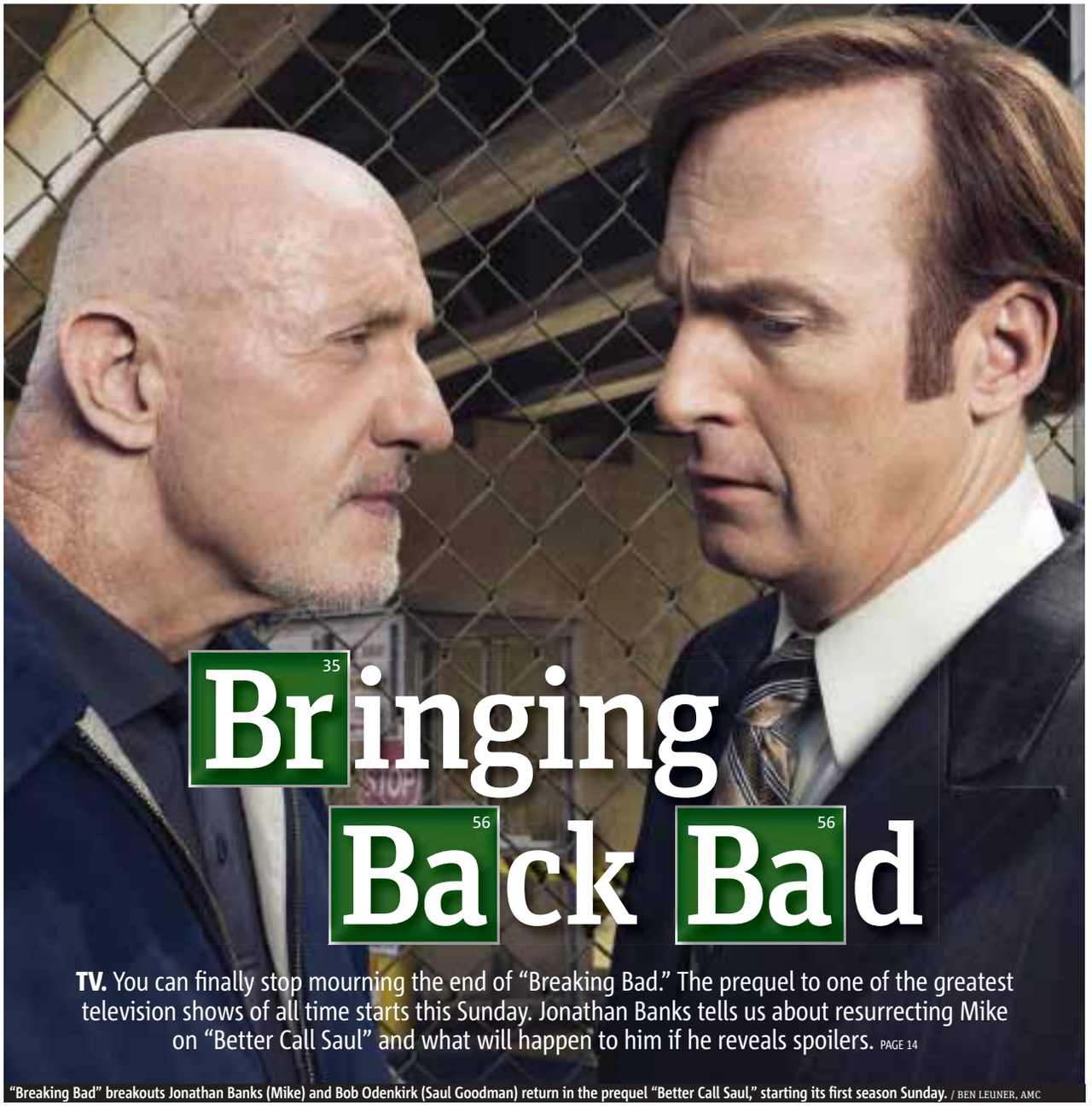

Bringing Back Bad

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TV. You can finally stop mourning the end of "Breaking Bad." The prequel to one of the greatest television shows of all time starts this Sunday. Jonathan Banks tells us about resurrecting Mike on "Better Call Saul" and what will happen to him if he reveals spoilers. PAGE 14

"Breaking Bad" breakouts Jonathan Banks (Mike) and Bob Odenkirk (Saul Goodman) return in the prequel "Better Call Saul," starting its first season Sunday. / BEN LEUNER, AMC

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Tip cabbies for obeying the law?

A line of taxis at Grand Central Station / MILES DIXON, METRO

Taxis. Advocates ask riders to reward good hacks and promote safer driving.

Tip your drivers for not breaking the law.

That's what advocates for both passengers and drivers promoted Thursday morning in front of the Grand Central taxi stand, asking riders to tip 25 percent to drivers who observe the city's new 25 mph speed limit.

"What we're saying is thank you," said Michael O'Loughlin of Cab Riders United.

"Good service has been about taxis getting people around quickly," said Taxi and Limousine Commission chief Meera Joshi. "A 25 percent tip is a good, concrete way for passengers and drivers to remember the new definition of good service."

By rewarding safer driving, Joshi said cabs and livery drivers can help the city's Vision Zero efforts to eliminate pedestrian and traffic-related deaths across the city.

Last month, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced an all-time low of 134 pedestrian and 59 motor vehicle deaths.

The 25 mph speed limit, which came into effect in November, was central to Vision Zero programming.

Within a slate of Vision Zero bills passed by the City Council last year was a bill named after Cooper Stock, a 9-year-old boy killed in January 2014, when a taxi car plowed into him and his father in the Upper West Side.

Cooper's Law lets the city suspend and revoke licenses of any TLC-sanctioned driver who kills or maims a pedestrian. Critics say the city should use more carrot and less stick with taxi and livery drivers.

The TLC recently expanded training for all 125,000 or so licensed drivers, including about 70,000 for-hire vehicle drivers — including green outerborough taxis — who never before were required to take classes.

A cab driver standing in front of the Port Authority taxi stand told Metro he's seen his peers and other drivers keep to the new speed limit.

Although he said he'd been driving a yellow cab for less than a year, he said he still gets the occasional passenger more worried about speed than safety.

"They tell me to go faster," he said. "I tell them that I can't."

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"They tell me to go faster. I tell them that I can't." Cab driver at Port Authority

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Brooklyn

Man tries to buy sex, rape woman

Cops say a man who tried to buy sex from a woman in Brooklyn early Sunday morning pushed her to the ground and tried to rape her when she refused his advances.

Investigators said the man approached the woman at around 3 a.m. near the intersection of Troy Avenue and Park Place in Bedford-Stuyvesant and offered to pay her for sex. METRO

Bronx

Teen robbed by candy sellers

Four men jumped a Bronx teen Tuesday after pretending to be selling candy and getting the victim to open his wallet, police said.

The 18-year-old man was walking in front of Bronx Community College on University Avenue at around 1:30 p.m. when one of the robbers approached him. Once the teen pulled out his wallet, three fellow robbers came out from behind and demanded his money. METRO

Suspect / NYPD

People ice skating at Bryant Park. / MILES DIXON

Weather. Something winter this way comes

It's a mystery.

Wintry weather is on the way late this weekend, but meteorologists can't say just yet what kind of precipitation will materialize on Sunday night.

"It's hard to say for sure what is going to fall from the sky," said David Stark, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service. "It could be a mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain, maybe even plain rain."

Friday will be partly cloudy and very cold, with morning temperatures in the teens that feel more like zero with the wind chill. Temperatures will rise to the low 20s in the afternoon and stay put.

Saturday will be cloudy, with highs in the upper 30s.

The storm system moving through Sunday afternoon is coming from the Ohio Valley in the west, and will be similar to the wintry mix that fell last Sunday and Monday, Stark said.

Alternate-side parking is suspended through Saturday for snow removal. Garbage and recycling collections are delayed because of recent snowfall, but the Department of Sanitation said trash should be left on the curb for pickup.

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Groups want Garner grand jury details

Courts. Advocates and a newspaper ask a judge to release the Garner grand jury testimony.

Garner protesters in January
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An alliance of civil rights groups, public officials and the New York Post on Thursday pressed a Staten Island judge to release grand jury testimony that could show why a Staten Island panel failed to indict Police Officer Daniel Pantaleo in connection with the August death of Eric Garner.

The ruling has the potential to change the centuries-old tradition of grand jury secrecy, and subject police to more public scrutiny.

In December, a grand jury declined to indict Pantaleo in Garner's death, continuing a wave of protests that started a week and a half earlier after a Ferguson, Missouri, police officer was not indicted for the shooting death of Michael Brown.

Public officials, including Gov. Andrew Cuomo, have called for more grand jury transparency since the decision was announced.

"The bottom line is, we'll all use it to inform, to help understand what went right and what went wrong and the role of the district attorney in the legal proceedings," said Donna Lieberman, executive director of the NYCLU, one of the organizations petitioning for the release of documents. "If there was ever a case to shed a little bit of sunlight, this is it."

Lieberman said Staten Island DA Daniel Donovan was "dismissive" of the public's right and need to know.

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"People around the world have seen the troubling video, and New Yorkers stand alongside the Garner family in seeking answers."
Public Advocate Letitia James

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Overdose antidote. Drugmaker will cut price of life-saving medication called naloxone

More New Yorkers will now be able to access a life-saving medication that reverses the effects of opioid overdoses.

Heroin deaths doubled in New York City from 2010 to 2013, according to the city health department. Bronx residents had the highest rate of opioid deaths in 2013, at 8.8 per 100,000, and Staten Island had the second-highest at 8.6 per 100,000.

Advocates and public health officials were concerned when Amphastar Pharmaceuticals — the only company that manufactures naloxone in a nasal spray form, and is used by health practitioners, police officers and trained civilians — abruptly raised the price of the drug in 2014.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said Thursday he had reached a deal with the manufacturer to reduce the price and cap it for a year.

A spokeswoman from the attorney general's office said kits cost about $13 in New York in early 2014 before the price jumped up to $33.

Heroin deaths have doubled in the city. / GETTY IMAGES

"Amphastar basically doubled the price across the country," said Matt Curtis, a policy director at VOCAL-NY. "Here in New York, it is somewhat of a less critical issue because it has strong support from city government, but in most of the rest of the country there is no public financing."

"The consequence is if there is less access, more people will die [from overdoses]," Curtis said.

Curtis said the "downside" is the deal is only for a year, the price is still about 50 percent higher and the manufacturer does not have any other similar agreements in the U.S.

"We were aware of the costs going up by the manufacturer … and the impact on our budget," said Dr. Hillary Kunins, assistant commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Kunins said she was "excited" to hear about the agreement and extended her thanks to the attorney general's office.

"That means more kits," Kunins said, adding the agency could save an estimated $100,000 in the price cut. **WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE**

By the numbers

32%
The percentage drop in opioid deaths on Staten Island in 2011, according to the health department

19.5K
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IF A WOODCHUCK COULD CHUCK LIES

Maybe Jimmy the groundhog was in a crappy mood. After all, he had just been hauled out of a warm limo into glaring TV lights and the freezing Wisconsin winter. Or maybe Mayor Jonathan Freund was a little too chummy; slapping on a look of mock-seriousness as he leaned in to hear the rodent's prediction about the coming spring. Whatever the reason, Jimmy took a bite out of hizzoner's ear. The mayor jumped, the groundhog wranglers scrambled and it was hilarious.

Well, maybe it wasn't so funny for the mayor, but I suspect many residents in the ironically named Sun Prairie are still giggling.

And in the aftermath of what I'm now calling "Nibblegate," I've had an idea about how we might improve government. Every time politicos want to stage a dog-and-pony … or mayor-and-large-rat … show, we ought to make sure we have a cranky critter on hand to keep them in line. (And no, Congressman Darrell Issa does not already have this job.)

Have incisors, will chomp.
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Imagine: a politician steps up to the microphone to score political points with a budget that has no chance of passing. Halfway through his second paragraph, the squirrel on his shoulder is twitching; by the time he says "incentivize," it is frothing at the mouth; and as soon as he unfurls "I know all Americans will join me …" CHOMP!

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"Our party is trying to help people, while our opponents are just protecting their own interests …" CHOMP.

"I am outraged that such accusations …" CHOMP. Perhaps we could get those two sharks from Katy Perry's halftime show.

Kidding aside, every week in D.C., players from both sides snatch up mics and let fly with patented nonsense to whip up their side, demonize the other, and frustrate all attempts at cooperation. They do it because they don't think voters can figure it out, or won't know any better. This makes us all less informed, promotes partisan animosities, and in a word: bites. Maybe it's time something bites back.

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New culprits cutting short women's fertility

Research. Soda and common chemicals are messing with female biology.

As women continue to delay motherhood, the precise span of their fertile years becomes more vital to their chances of conceiving. But science is finding more evidence that it's not only environmental and genetic factors that can influence fertility. Two recent studies focused on products that have a significant effect on a woman's reproductive health, from puberty to menopause.

Fertility issues are becoming more common. / ISTOCK

Sugar and puberty

Sugary drinks are not just bad for oral health and metabolism — they could be speeding up puberty. A new study of more than 5,500 girls aged 9-14 found that those who drank more than 1.5 servings of sugary drinks a day had their first period almost three months earlier than girls who drank two or fewer such drinks a week. The scientists at Harvard Medical School accounted for body mass index, height, diet and how much the girls exercised.

Drinks with added sugar prompt the body to produce more insulin, which can stimulate the production of sex hormones.

Girls who start their periods earlier are also at a higher risk of developing breast cancer.

Earlier puberty among girls "has been observed in developed countries and, for which, the reason is largely unknown," says Dr. Karin Michels, who led the study.

Quoted

"Any early decline in ovarian function could increase rates of infertility and lead to earlier development of cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis and other medical problems." Grindler

Menopause

Risks at home

Out of 111 chemicals tested, Dr. Natalia Grindler and her team found 15 that could be contributing to earlier menopause. The most common, phthalates, are found in plastics, pharmaceuticals, and personal care products such as body lotions, perfumes, makeup, nail polish, liquid soap and hair spray.

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Chemical menopause

At the other end of a woman's fertile years is a newly discovered risk from certain chemicals. A study out of the University of Colorado found that women who had been exposed to 15 chemicals entered menopause between 2 and 4 years sooner than women who had been exposed to lower levels of the same chemicals.

Even worse, Grindler said avoiding exposure to these chemicals is nearly impossible. "The health of future generations is at risk and without further research in this area, those born today could be affected in decades to come."

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4 Ways to get ready to take the GMAT

Test prep. Embrace your work experience.

As you get ready for business school, it's time to tackle the business of studying. / ISTOCK

There is a commonality among those seeking a master's degree in business or finance: They are ready to take their careers to the next level — and most have not taken a standardized test in years.

"The average age for someone taking the GMAT is 28," says Rob Franek of the Princeton Review. "That's opposed to an LSAT student, who has an average age of 21. So GMAT students have several years of work and life experience that they should feel confident about."

Franek, author of "The Best 378 Colleges," shares this advice for GMAT preparation.

1 Erase your memories of the SAT

"People forget that you take the GMAT on a computer, which means that you can take it whenever you want," Franek says. "It's a comprehensive exam that tests analytical writing, reasoning, and verbal and math skills."

2 Assess your strengths

"Generally speaking, GMAT students have strong math skills — though students who have a liberal arts major may want to refresh on the math," he notes.

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Rob Franek, of the Princeton Review

3 Set aside time to study

"Six weeks of prep is a good rule of thumb," Franek says. "Remember, cramming doesn't pay off from a standardized test perspective. At the end of each week, you should take a practice test and see your score."

4 Understand the essay

For many prospective test takers, the GMAT's essay section is the one that causes worry, Franek says. "Students [will be] moving on to case management and should show that they can think clearly."

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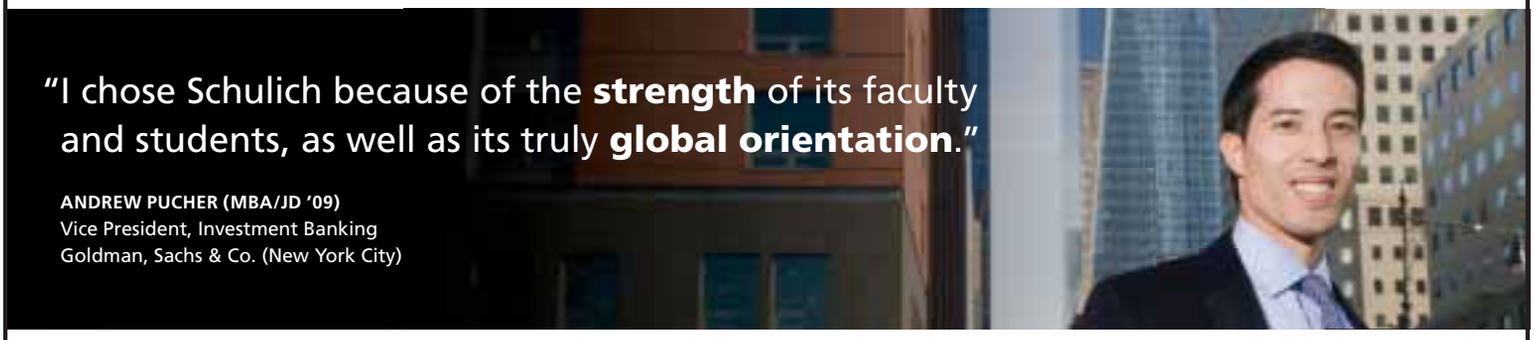
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5 Questions to ask a grad school recruiter

Confidence and doing your homework beforehand are key to wowing a recruiter. / ISTOCK

Applying to school. If you ask the right questions, you'll be sure to find the right fit.

Picture this: You are standing in line at a graduate school fair and you are not quite sure what to do when your time to speak with a recruiter finally does come around. So what should you do when it is your turn to ask questions?

Applying to school can be a stressful process, and many prospective students aren't quite sure about the best way to navigate the waters — particularly while speaking directly to a graduate school recruiter. Though they are notoriously friendly, you know they have limited time, so knowing what to ask is essential to the success of the encounter: getting the information you need about a program under consideration.

Hopefully, by the graduate stage, when speaking to a recruiter you know what topic you wish to study, and the learning style through which you will be successful. You have not yet gotten in, so discussing the weather may waste the precious time you have face-to-face with the university's personnel. Ultimately, you are going to graduate school to better your life, and the questions should focus on this.

What does a successful student at your school look like? How are classes structured?
By the time you are ready for grad school, you probably have a good idea of the best environment you need to learn. Do you thrive working in discussion-based small groups? If so, it's probably not a good idea to enroll in a program with large lectures and minimal interaction.

Do students at your school have close relationships with their professors?
One of the benefits of graduate school is the networking within your field is largely dependent upon finding a mentor or an involved instructor who has a personal interest in your success in the field. While such a relationship is not always possible, it can have many advantages for years to come.

How will people be evaluated throughout the program?
This is a question many overlook, but it's important to get a sense of what you will be graded on. Will you have to write a Master's thesis? Ask about the topics current students are working on. Do those topics appeal to you?

What's next?

For graduates of this program, what is the most common job position held, and what is the general time between graduation and employment?

It's never too early to start thinking about what you want your life to be like after school — especially if you have a very specific field of interest. Finding courses and internships that will help you achieve your goals is key. Asking what jobs alumni hold and how fast they were employed can give you an idea of what to expect for the months after graduation. It's also a good idea to ask if you can talk to some students currently in the program.

Paying for it

Are there any university resources for funding students through loans, grants, scholarships or campus work?

This is usually a very common question that recruiters hear, but one that nonetheless is important. The cost of a program depends upon the duration, the fees and the availability of funding. If you are stretching your budget to achieve your graduate-level dreams, make sure to ask since this may determine which programs are realistic for your budget.

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Outside the classroom. Your internship is key to finding that crucial first job.

As with any degree, what you do outside of the classroom during your MBA program can be as important as what you do in it. That's where the importance of a good internship comes in — and finding the right placement is key.

Top companies have internship programs in order to scout for talent, allowing students to get a foot in the door long before graduation. To be that talent, narrow down internship options according to skill development, beneficial networking opportunities and these questions:

1. Are you intrigued by the company objectives?
2. What positions are former interns in today?
3. How many interns do they take each year?
4. Will you be assigned a mentor to help guide you?

Create a narrow list of companies that you are planning to target. Within this list, you should consider some positions that you are sure to get, some medium difficulty positions and some reach companies.

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Succeeding on the job

Your goal as an MBA intern is to stand out in a positive way as a capable, personable and driven individual. Here are the best ways to achieve that:

- Find a mentor within the organization. While this person could be your immediate boss or an experienced colleague, expand beyond the intern pool and ask for advice and guidance. This relationship could open the door to asking for a recommendation from a senior staffer instead of just the intern coordinator.
- Treat this position as you would a job. Show enthusiasm and interest in what you are contributing. Volunteer for extra tasks and offer innovative ideas.
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Co-stars

Familiar faces

What's it like working with Bob on the new show?

I got my first paycheck 47 years ago, and I've been lucky enough to work for 47 years, and it's not like there weren't terribly dry times. But I had never seen in television or in film a load like that. The amount of dialogue and monologues, I thought, how in the world is he ever gonna do this? And boy did he.

Jonathan Banks, left, brings back Mike from "Breaking Bad" on "Better Call Saul," about laywer Saul Goodman (Bob Odenkirk, right). It premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. on AMC. / AMC

Return of a hitman

Interview. Jonathan Banks says Mike Ehrmantraut will be the same old Mike on "Better Call Saul."

Obsessive "Breaking Bad" fans had some comfort in the wake of the show's finale: Creator Vince Gilligan announced he was planning to create a spinoff prequel called "Better Call Saul," about everyone's favorite seedy lawyer, Saul Goodman — or Jimmy McGill, as he was known before his glory days. While Bob Odenkirk will, of course, reprise his role, Jonathan Banks was also announced as a returning cast member, in the role of endlessly calm hitman/private investigator/fixer Mike Ehrmantraut. But don't expect him to be quite as goofy as Saul. Banks assures us he's the same old Mike.

What did Vince Gilligan say when he asked you to sign on for the prequel?
Three or four years ago, in the show, I was dropping my granddaughter off at the house with balloons, and then I go shoot people. I say to her, your momma's waiting, now go on, and Vince was directing that show, and I said to Vince when we cut, "That's my granddaughter. That is not my daughter. Whenever Mike is what Mike is, it has something to do with his son." And Vince said, "Well, hmm" and when Peter called me 13 months ago, he said, "Remember when you said…"

Have you come up with your own version of Mike's back story?
I can't tell you exactly because they will throw me to the wolves and burn me at the stake and all that kind of stuff. I'll be coming up with Mike's back story 20 years from now.

Will we learn a lot more about Mike now?
I always liked that you never know quite where and what Mike was from, and I hope that continues. I hope there will always be a little mystery about him.

Do you think there's hope for him?
Among all those characters, Mike knows he lost his soul, and Mike doesn't forgive himself. At the same time, buried in there is a decent man who does some really horrible things, but if he has a flaw, it's…I don't think he thinks he can save other people, but he does have a tendency to try to protect them.

Since Mike is so smart, how does he get mixed up with these criminal types?
Well, we all are fallen. And some of us fall a lot further.

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Zombies. Coleman says 'The Walking Dead' is TV gumbo

"The Wire" vet Chad L. Coleman has been having a blast playing violence-averse Tyreese on "The Walking Dead," but he knows not to get too comfortable on a series rife with life-threatening dangers.

When you work on a show set during a zombie apocalypse, how worried are you usually about job security?
We all talk about it, but we don't let it overwhelm us. We get to the task at hand. If you're alive, then you have something relevant to say, so let's say that. But we all know that that aspect of the show precedes itself, and we know that's a part of the deal, so everybody stays amazingly focused and present because of the very fact that we don't know when it's going to be your day.

That has to be an interesting way to approach your work.
I've had experience in the area before. I was on "The Wire," and I just knew they weren't going to kill off Stringer Bell, but they did. [Laughs] So to me, all bets are off. This is how it goes down.

What's been the most fun aspect of the show's unexpectedly extreme levels of popularity?
Well … [laughs] I don't know if I can say it in an interview. Actually, you know, being able to go to these conventions and to really meet the families — like three generations of "Walking Dead" fans — that kind of stuff has been most gratifying because I just feel that the show in one respect is a throwback. We live in a time when everybody's watching TV on their phones, their laptops, but this show brings everybody back together in that classic way we used to watch TV. And you have something in common now with your teenager who normally wants to be off with their friends or in their room!

Check out **Metro.us** Monday morning for Coleman's thoughts about the shocking twists in Sunday's mid-season premiere.

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It's really been impressive how huge the ratings are.
Well, it's gumbo, man. It's got something for everybody. But at its core, I think it's appealing to that child in us all that likes scary things.

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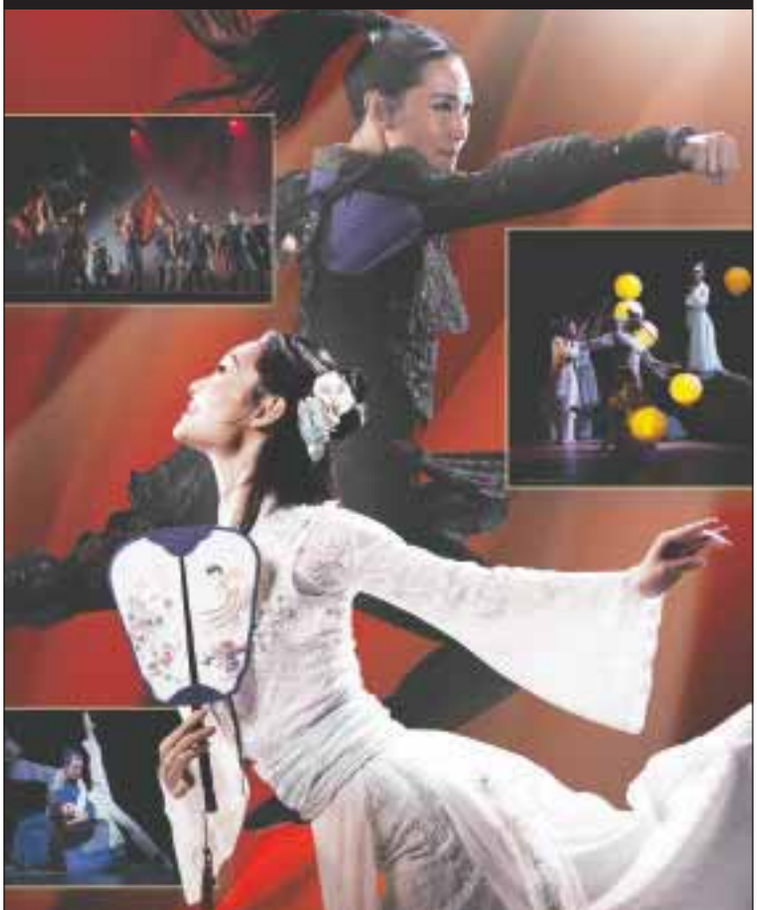

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John Oliver explains it all

Comedy. The hit show "Last Week Tonight" returns on Sunday at 11.

Despite the accolades and rave reviews John Oliver has received over the last year, the comedian still says he's taken aback by the popularity of his HBO show "Last Week Tonight."

"I'm still sort of bamboozled by the level of success of the show," Oliver admits. "When we started, I didn't want to let HBO down. I didn't want to let down Jon Stewart because he taught me everything... And now I feel like we don't want to let down the people who watch the show."

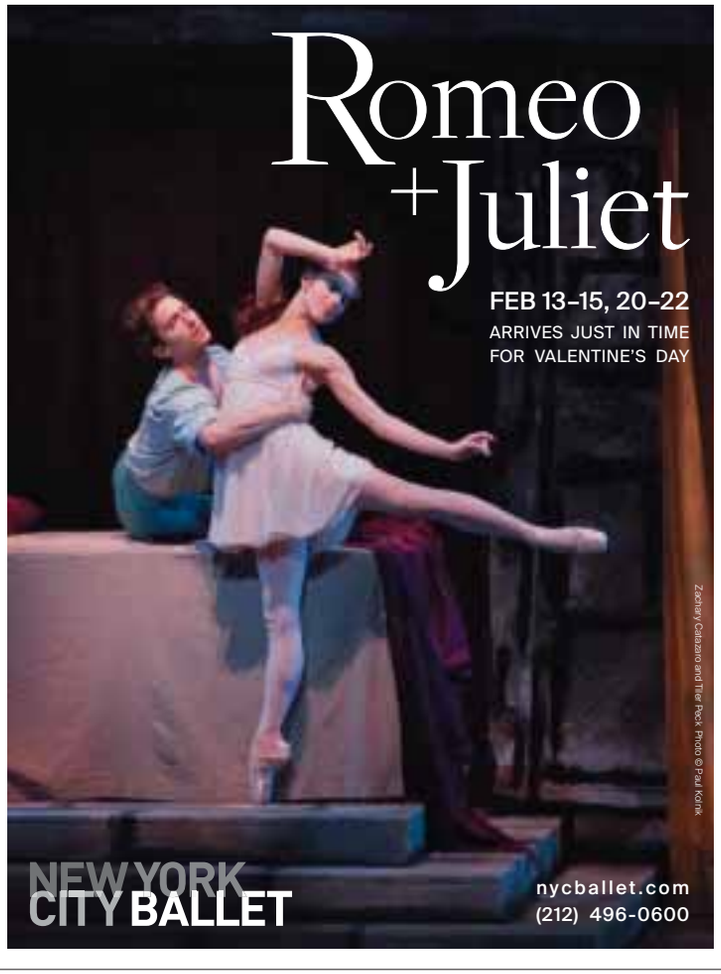
Like "The Daily Show" (where Oliver spent many years as a correspondent), "Last Week Tonight" both parodies the news and illuminates undercover issues. Oliver and his team were often praised for their coverage of topics like the struggle of Afghan translators to get visas to move to the United States. He adds that he was surprised that critics seem to be surprised that viewers were willing to watch 10-minute segments on intense topics.

"You have to have a pretty intense level of contempt for the American people if you think people only watch something if it's 2 minutes long and it has someone being smashed in the nuts or something," he says. "I'm not saying I don't enjoy 2-minute-long nonsense, but there has to be protein along with dessert."

An Englishman in New York

An outsider in America

There is a long history of satire in Oliver's native England, but he says he feels more American than ever. "I've been here ten years now," he says. "I'm married to an American. I have no plans to leave. I think I sound more different than I am."



John Oliver spoke to reporters at HBO's New York headquarters this week. / ERIC LIEBOWITZ, HBO

While promos for the second season have touted the fact that absolutely nothing about the show will change for viewers, Oliver and his team are planning to go even more in-depth in the new season. "Everyone wants to get better, and we should be able to get better," he says.

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Satire or news?

The journalism question

Oliver is firmly in the camp that his show is, at its heart, a comedy program, but his staff did recently add four additional researchers to the mix — all have strong traditional journalism backgrounds. "We're pretty rigorous in terms of fact-checking. We love to show people things that they haven't seen before," he explains. "They will fact check numbers in documentaries or the news. They'll say, ok that thing is not as true as they say."

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RYAN REYNOLDS STARS IN "THE VOICES." LIONSGATE

'The Voices'

The quality that most stands out in "The Voices" is not its pitch-black humor but its sweetness — this, a film about a troubled serial killer (Ryan Reynolds) who cuts up bodies and stores heads in fridges. He's a genuinely nice guy, and when he kills, it is truly (the first time, anyway) by accident. An unexpected segue from "Persepolis"' Marjane Satrapi, it benefits from its maker's whimsical, sensitive approach, and its lead actor's oddly gentle turn. With an ending that wasn't a shrug, it could have been something more. **MP**

Space opera. The Wachowskis' 'Jupiter Ascending' is not silly enough, but is very class-angry

Mila Kunis plays a lowly immigrant named Jupiter who discovers, from a pointy-eared part-wolf humanoid alien with flying shoes (Channing Tatum), that she's the reincarnated queen of the universe.

The lowdown: "Jupiter Ascending" doesn't care if you mock it. It's a super-expensive, quasi-explicable sci-fi semi-disaster in the vein of "Zardoz" and David Lynch's "Dune," only not nearly as ridiculous as either of those. In fact, it's insufficiently silly if anything. It takes 30 to 45 minutes to find its footing, and even then things are rickety. But once it sorts itself out it becomes a loose "King Lear" in space, only with three crappy kids instead of two.

Eddie Redmayne plays the evilest of the trio. Lounging about in flowing capes that show off his six-pack, he can't be bothered to speak above a lazy whisper, unless he's suddenly shifting into all-caps barks. He wants to rule Earth so he can harvest it for profit, and he's not a little miffed that his dear, mega-capitalist mother was born again inside a peasant. The seething class anger is the most intersting bit of "Jupiter," though it must fight for screen time with noisy action and lazy screenwriting. **MATT PRIGGE**

Eddie Redmayne is awesomely over-the-top in "Jupiter Ascending" as the evilest baddie. / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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'Jupiter Ascending'

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3 Controversies about this year's Grammys

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It's Iggy Azalea versus all her haters at the Grammys this Sunday night. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Frenemies

The 'bad blood' between Taylor Swift and Katy Perry continues

Swift and Perry still haven't buried the hatchet for their public frenemy drama, and given that both singers are nominated, they'll both be there, with their game faces on. How far away will they be sitting? Will they say hi on the red carpet? Will they shock everyone by posing for a photo together? One thing is sure, we'll all be watching.

New couple alert

Will Selena Gomez and Zedd make it official?

Between their flirty Instagrams and constant sightings, the rumor mill is abuzz that Zedd has replaced Justin Bieber as Gomez's leading man. But seeing as though they haven't made things "official" yet, the Red Carpet Watch is in full effect. Tune in, Biebs.

Rap battle

Everyone has an opinion about Iggy Azalea

As soon as it was announced that Iggy Azalea was nominated for Best Rap Album (up against Childish Gambino, Common, Schoolboy Q, Wiz Khalifa and Eminem), musicians didn't hold back declaring how they felt, especially many — including Q-Tip and Solange Knowles — who feel she is appropriating black culture. Most publicly, Azealia Banks slammed her in an interview with Hot 97 saying, "The Grammys are supposed to be awards for artistic excellence. Iggy Azalea is not excellent." Azalea also has a public feud with fellow nominee Eminem after he alluded to rape while mentioning her in his song "Vegas." Given all the drama, Best Rap Album is the award on everyone's mind.

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Aries | March 21-April 20 You can't do everything yourself, and your health will be jeopardized if you try. As much as you want to help others, you must draw a line.

Taurus | April 21-May 21 Do what's necessary to protect your position. Someone you considered an ally will turn out to be after your job or another asset.

Gemini | May 22-June 20 Stay in shape. Physical and mental challenges will stimulate your intellect and energy. Too much idle time will make you feel sluggish and lethargic.

Cancer | June 21-July 22 Your emotions could be quite ragged today. Heated arguments are likely if you are quick to take offense to innocent remarks.

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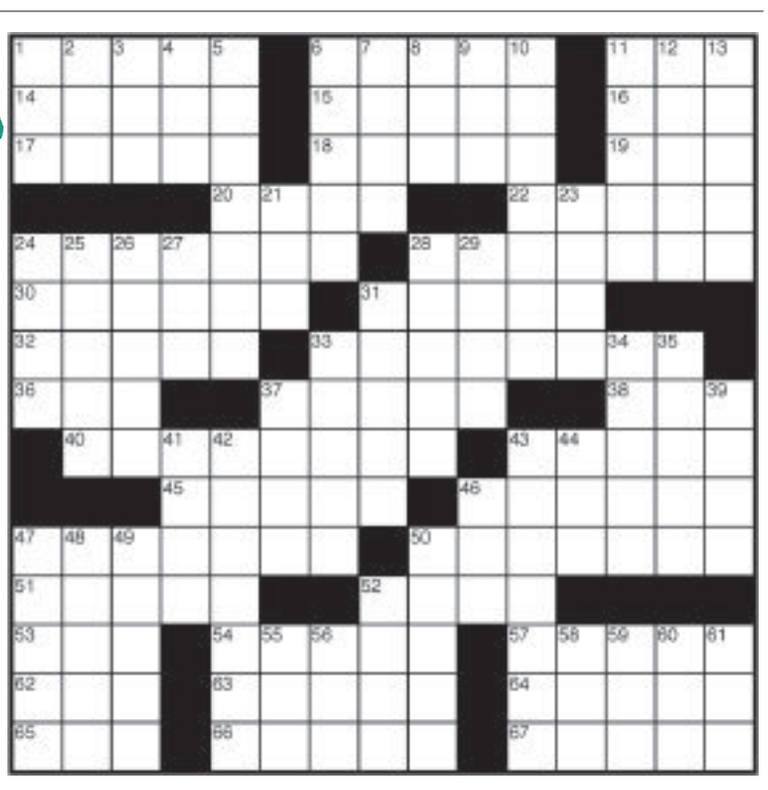

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Learning from the Islanders

Opinion

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The Islanders currently own the five-seed in the Eastern Conference, courtesy of a 32-17-1 record.
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Once a perennial punchline, the New York Islanders offer the best vision for how this city can escape its sports malaise in 2015. Yes, the Islanders.

They are second in the Metropolitan Division and among the best teams in the Eastern Conference. They are looking for their second playoff appearance in the past eight seasons (and the only postseason appearance during that time was during the strike-shortened season two years ago). But the Islanders are back, built upon solid draft after solid draft, some savvy moves via trades, an eye for turning the trash heap into gems and the requisite free agents to bolster the roster.

It seems odd to say, but the Islanders are no longer the model in futility. Instead, they are the blueprint for how the losing franchises in New York can turn things around. After a 2014 that was collectively as rough as any for New York sports, the Islanders represent not only our best chance at a winning team but are also the model for the rest of the sorry franchises in how to resurrect their fortunes.

Yes, that's right. The Islanders.

This is a team that, while having success so far this year, is built and predicated on sustainability. The Islanders are young and aren't just built to win now but for the long haul. This isn't a team that went out and spent big on a couple of free agents (Knicks, we're looking in your direction). It is a team that has a good core in place for the rest of the decade. It took years in the wilderness of the NHL to get here, but for the long-suffering fans at the Coliseum, it has been worth it.

With the young talent in place, the Islanders are now able to make moves and bring in big free agents. Or perhaps a trade? Evander Kane's name is being floated around, as a blockbuster could lift this team to an elite level.

On the current Islanders roster, 13 players were draft picks of the organization, and from that group, seven came via drafts within the past five years. As for the rest of the roster, it is an intriguing mix. Three players came off waivers and four via trades. That leaves just six players signed via free agency, an incredibly low number in the NHL.

The Islanders' core is homegrown and developed. They've come up through the same system, they understand how the organization does things and they know what it means to be an Islander. And they come to the senior team with the same mentality and goal of changing the recent fortunes of the organization.

This blueprint for success is what made the New York Yankees a dominant team in the mid-to-late '90s and saw the New York Mets rise to prominence a decade before that, highlighted by the 1986 World Series team. It is tried and true, and can work again here in New York.

The philosophy is not that far off from the 2007 New York Giants, whose draft class that year saw all eight players make the 53-man roster and contribute to their run to the Super Bowl.

What the local teams can learn from the Islanders is the patience needed to build a championship team in this market. The temptation is to buy the stars now rather than groom them – a tip of the hat to Kei Igawa – and to forgo the long road of development that has repeatedly been the foundation of success for championship teams.

The Islanders went this route when it wasn't popular, and it meant that since 2009, this franchise was a cumulative 32 games below .500 before the start of this current season. But those hard times led to fruitful drafts. They stayed the course, they kept to their plan. They didn't compromise their vision and they didn't take shortcuts.

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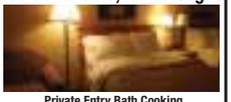

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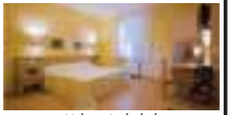

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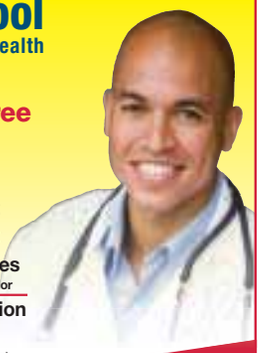

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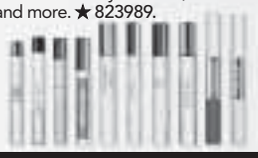

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7:30-8:30 pm	Restorative Yoga
7:35-8:35 pm	Intro to Yoga
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